

*HUD in Your Neighborhood brings the resources of the Department of Housing and Urban Development programs into local communities*

Farmingdale, NY – On Friday, Rep. Steve Israel (D-Huntington) joined by Adolfo Carrión, Regional Administrator for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), held the first ever “HUD in Your Neighborhood.” The event brings the resources of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to local communities. Presentations covered housing counseling, foreclosure prevention, community development and funding opportunities.

Rep. Israel said, “Too often my constituents have to navigate bureaucracy in Washington, today we brought the decision-makers into our community. Having the top officials from here on Long Island, rather than trying to deal with Washington from Long Island is a great opportunity for community leaders and non-profits.”

“Government is sometimes accused of operating in an ‘Ivory Tower.’ Our new program called “HUD In Your Neighborhood” debunks that myth and proves that government operates best when it is accessible, transparent and practical, said Regional Administrator Adolfo Carrión. “Bringing this program to communities across our region will help people better understand their government and how it can help their communities grow and prosper and become more sustainable.”

The first of its kind, “HUD in your Neighborhood” will offer program experts from various HUD departments, providing hands on training and assistance to empower local stakeholders to improve their communities. Rep. Israel worked closely with Administrator Carrión to launch the event and ensure the resources matched the needs of local residents and organizations.

HUD is currently planning future “HUD in Your Neighborhood” events. The Long Island event was expected to bring 75 participants, including local organizations that work on housing and community development issues.

Participating organizations included: United Way, Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Blessed Hope Ministry, Come Away My Beloved

Inc., First Baptist Church of Deer Park, the Town of Huntington, the Town of Babylon, Porter Trejo Action Committee, WCDC, EAC, Wyandanch Homes and Property Development Corp., Long Island Men’s Club, Goodwill Industries of Greater NY and NJ, Fitzgerald House, EOC of Suffolk Inc., Legislator DuWayne Gregory, CDC of Long Island, HS Youth Enrichment Center, Wyandanch Daycare Center, Huntington School Board, Go JUDAH Empowerment Ministries Inc., Hispanic American Association, MJ&I Realty and Remax Realty.